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In the application of:

Dominique P. BRIDON, et al.

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LONG LASTING FUSION PEPTIDE

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Examiner: J. Parkin

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAILED October 22, 2002, Paper 11

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, Paper 11, for which a response was due on January 22, 2003. A one-month extension of time is enclosed to extend the deadline to respond to this Action until February 22, 2003. This response is therefore timely.

AMENDMENTS